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Over Israeli raid Lebanon complains to U.N.

BEIRUT, Aug. 5 (R) — Lebanon said Sunday it had lodged a complaint with the United Nations Security Council over an Israeli raid on a village in Lebanon in which five Lebanese were killed and three Palestinians commanded wounded.

The raid, on Thursday night, drew expressions of regret from the United States, where the State Department said such raids made the establishment of peace and stability in Southern Lebanon more difficult.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros said Sunday his country's ambassador to the U.N. had complained about the incident to the president of the Security Council.

He added Lebanon reserved the right to call for a new Security Council debate on continued Israeli attacks.

Eyewitnesses who visited the scene of the raid, the village of Kaukaba, said Israelis had attacked a Lebanese village and killed five men. The raiders also



Faud Butros

exchanged fire with Palestinians commandos manning a nearby checkpoint.

According to the Israeli army, troopers from the Golani brigade wrecked two camps of the Palestinian commando group Fatah and killed at least 10 Palestinians.

Eyewitnesses saw no evidence of the claim that the target had been a Palestinian base.

Lebanese nationalist and Pales-

May head assembly

Iran's Taleghani wins landslide

TEHRAN, Aug. 5 (AP) — Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani, Tehran's progressive religious leader received the highest number of votes in Friday's election for the constituent assembly of experts, official reports said Sunday, and was favored to become its president.

State radio said that of the 10 candidates elected from the Tehran area, Taleghani in his 70s, was the leading vote getter. Uninformed sources said he was tipped to head the assembly because of his wide popularity.

Jerusalem main gate to peace, says Caradon

AMMAN, Aug. 5 (AP) — Jerusalem is the "main gate to Mideast peace and the U.S.-managed peace process is inadequate for solving the Arab-Israeli conflict," Lord Caradon of Britain was quoted here Sunday as saying.

The architect of the U.N. Security Council resolution 242 which ended the 1967 Mideast war, Caradon told "al Rai" newspaper that the resolution was useful but not enough."

Palestinian leaders reject the resolution because it does not mention their right to set up a state of their own under the leadership of Palestine Liberation Organization.

Caradon, currently on a visit to Jordan, complained that the situation in the Middle East has become "worse" after the Camp David accords and the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty which was signed in Washington last March under U.S. auspices.

New initiatives, Caradon suggested, are required to shift the Mideast crisis from the present stalemate.

He said that Jerusalem must be unified and people of all religions

be able to reach the holy city freely.

Caradon indicated that the resolution 242 must be modified, to include stipulations for Palestinian statehood and to permit the PLO to participate in peace negotiations as a legitimate body.

In another development a Jordanian newspaper said Saturday that the Israeli "hide in the woods of Camp David in order to perpetuate their stranglehold on the lives and livelihoods of the Arab inhabitants of the Occupied Territories".

The English-language *Jordan Times* also said in an editorial that the Israelis at the same time perpetrated "vicious acts of aggression against the civilian inhabitants of Southern Lebanon."

It was not surprising that Israel's objections to the idea of changing the United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 "in order to make it more acceptable to the Palestinians, should be based on the grounds that any such change would form an obstacle to the present peace process," the newspaper added.

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tinian commandos are joined in an alliance which fought in the 1975-76 civil war and moved men to Southern Lebanon when fighting flared in the area after the bitter struggle to the north.

A series of Israeli air strikes on targets in Lebanon last month prompted sharp condemnation from the United States, Israel's chief armourer and closest ally.

In the bloodiest of the raids, 21 Lebanese and Palestinians were reported killed and 65 wounded on July 22. Only three of the dead were commandos.

U.S. State Department spokesman Hodding Carter suggested that the July 22 raid was unprovoked and noted that the coastal roads in the area attacked were filled with weekend civilian traffic.

According to the Palestinian news agency Wafa, about 50 persons were killed and more than 100 wounded, most of them civilians, in Israeli artillery, air, naval and ground attacks on Southern Lebanon last month.

Contracts signed for diplomatic quarter

RIYADH, Aug. 5 (SPA) — Contracts worth SR348,726,000 have been signed with Saudi, Japanese and South Korean firms for infrastructure for the planned diplomatic quarter in Riyadh.

The Higher Committee for the Relocation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Diplomatic Quarter met under Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Saturday, and Prince Salman said afterward that work on the contracts will begin within a month. It will be finished by 1983.

The commissioned firms are to lay sewage, water, electricity, telephone, telex and road networks, as well as put up two water towers and a sewage plant.

Seven thousand housing units are to be put up, on a total area of 5.8 million square meters. In the first phase of construction 2,486 will be completed.

Private Saudi entrepreneurs will later take part in providing further housing and opening shops and offices in the area. The government will build boys and girls' schools, a health center, six mosques, a civil defense and a fire station, a club and an international school.

Prince Salman also said that designs have been completed for the new Foreign Ministry building, and they will be given to the company chosen for construction Nov. 12.

He expressed his thanks and admiration for the efforts of all the people who had worked on the project over the past three years.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Saifan, Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul Azz Al-Thumayan and Riyadh Secretary Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naeem.

Many of the Islamic Republic Party's candidates were leading mullahs who command a strong following throughout this Gulf nation.

The Islamic Republic Party follows a close line as set down by Iran's spiritual head, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini who inspired the Islamic popular uprising in February that ousted the 2,500 year-old monarchy.

Khomeini had urged before and on election day over state radio for Iranians to vote for candidates who represent true Islam and who neither espoused Marxism or Western or Eastern ideology.

The assembly is expected to draft and ratify a charter along strict fundamentalist Islamic principles.

Scores of complaints have been privately voiced by Muslims and Christians over the manner in which the elections were conducted.

One Christian voter claimed the Christian minority could only vote for a Christian candidate and they were forced to cast their ballots either at polling centers set up in churches or at their social clubs.

"As Iranian Christians we were segregated and not permitted to vote at polling stations where Muslims cast their ballots," he said.

When the markets are back to normal, and the minister expected this in the near future, any reduction in Kuwait's output will have no negative effects and would be absorbed, the minister said according to "al-Qabas".

Sheikh Khalifa said the proposed reduction would not affect Kuwait's revenues, the newspaper reported.

Kuwait's oil revenues in the fiscal year 1979/1980 was estimated, according to budget figures released recently, at 3.1 billion Kuwaiti dinar (about \$ 10.8 billion), about 40 per cent more than in 1978/1979.

Prince Ahmed meets Erbakan

TAIF, Aug. 5 (SPA) — Deputy Minister of Interior Prince Ahmed Sunday received Nur el Din Erbakan chairman of the Turkish National Salvation Party. Their talks dealt with Saudi-Turkey relations.

Erbakan is visiting Saudi Arabia at the invitation of the General Secretariat of the World Islamic Youth Conference.

He also met Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani with whom he discussed bilateral relations.

Monsoon displaces millions in India

NEW DELHI, Aug. 5 (R) — Millions of people have been affected by monsoon floods which have hit the north. Thousands are marooned and huge areas of crops have been destroyed, the Press Trust of India news agency reported Sunday.

It said about 2.5 million people had been hit in Bihar state and

Standing crops covering about 4,800 square kilometers had been destroyed in both states.

Elsewhere in Uttar Pradesh,

crops have been ruined by

drought.

Two people were killed and 80

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 5 (R) — Heavy fighting flared in the center of Kabul Sunday with Soviet-made helicopters blasting rockets into a fort in the old city, diplomatic sources reported here Sunday.

But the sources said the clashes died down after about four hours and the Afghan capital was returning to normal by late afternoon.

Diplomats in Islamabad speculated that a coup supported by the army had been attempted against the Kremlin-backed Communist government of President Nur Muhammad Taraki.

The sources said the heaviest fighting appeared to center on the Bala Hisar fort on a hill at the edge of the old city. Light shooting was reported in other parts of the capital and Kabul airport was closed, the sources added.

The fighting erupted as the U.S. embassy was completing an evacuation of more than 100 American dependents. President Jimmy Carter ordered them to leave because of the declining security situation across the country.

Half an hour after the shooting broke out at 12:45 p.m. (0815 GMT), a Pakistan Airways flight arrived in Kabul from Peshawar

carrying British and Canadian diplomats. An airline spokesman said the plane returned to Pakistan after unloading the passengers.

Prime Minister Hafizullah Amin, regarded as the strong man of the government, claimed last week that the Soviet-backed regime had the support of 98 per cent of Afghanistan's 17 million people.

Reuter correspondent Michael Fathers reported from Kabul at the time that an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 political prisoners — including children — were being held in the overcrowded Pul-e-Chakhi jail on the outskirts of Kabul. (See story Page 6.)

The U.S. government has accused the Taraki government of carrying out about 3,000 political

killings since it came to power.

Several thousand Soviet advisers and officials operate at all levels of government and the armed forces, helping to direct the war against the rebels and to establish a Marxist administration in the country.

Only two days ago the U.S. State Department told the Russians it would regard any Soviet interference in Afghanistan's internal affairs as a serious matter.

The warning followed a speech by President Carter's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, urging the Kremlin not to intervene in Afghanistan.

Correspondent Fathers described present-day Kabul as a place of fear under the rule of Afghanistan's hardline Communists.

Bodies taken from Indian plane crash

BOMBAY, Aug. 5 (AP) — Police have recovered bodies of 45 persons aboard the Indian Airlines domestic flight which crashed in a rain-swept hillside near Bombay, police said Sunday. Victims of the Saturday night crash included at least two West Germans a British woman and nine students from Mauritius.

The three Europeans were identified as Petra Henne, 65, of St. Augustin, a former stage actress, a person identified only as Junemann from Dortmund in West Germany and Sarah Anne Kroenberger, 23, from Britain. The Europeans were followers of Rajneesh Chandra Mohan, an Indian philosopher who lives in Poona, reports said.

Police said there were no survivors of the crash of the two-engine propeller-driven plane. Earlier reports said 46 persons were aboard the plane but police said the craft carried 41 passengers and crew members.

Witnesses who visited the crash site, about 50 kilometers east of Bombay, said the bodies were "mutilated beyond description" and strewn over a small area.

The government has announced an inquiry into the tragedy which occurred when the aircraft was approaching Bombay from the interior of Poona in heavy rain and poor visibility.

Nearly 500 police and fire brigade personnel, some of whom reached the site late Saturday were continuing operations Sunday afternoon, locating the bodies, placing them on stretchers and carrying them down the 500-meter hill in single file. They had also located the "black box," the voice recorder with records all conversation between the pilot, co-pilot and the airport control tower.

In Italy Minority government sworn in

ROME, Aug. 5 (AP) — President Sandro Pertini swore in Italy's new minority government of Christian Democrat Premier Francesco Cossiga Sunday in solemn ceremonies at the Quirinal Presidential Palace.

Cossiga told reporters he will present his cabinet to parliament Thursday for a vote of confidence. He then parted with his ministers and drove to the grave of former Premier Aldo Moro north of Rome.

Cossiga, a 51-year-old former interior minister who took a tough, no-deal stance during turbulent months of student violence and the terrorist kidnapping of Moro last year, was designated by Pertini Thursday after three other politicians failed to end Italy's 7-month-old crisis.

The new cabinet is built on a coalition of Christian Democrats, who have controlled all administrations since 1945, the centrist

Autonomy talks reconvene; Israel protests U.S. moves

HAIFA, Israel Aug. 5 (AP) — Delegates from Israel, Egypt and the United States gathered for a new round of autonomy talks Sunday, but attention focused on what Israel saw as a shifting American Mideast policy.

The Israeli cabinet dispatched to Washington what was believed to be its strongly worded objections to U.S. overtures to the Palestine Liberation Organization and to recently announced arms sales to Arab States.

But in an effort to subdue the growing public confrontation with Washington, the cabinet refused to divulge the message it instructed Ambassador Ephraim Evron to deliver to the Carter administration.

Cabinet Secretary Arieh Naor told reporters only that Evron's orders "concerned diplomatic activities between Israel and the United States," and repeated

the uneasiness in U.S.-Israeli relations overshadowed the opening of Haifa of the fifth round of negotiations on Palestinian autonomy in the occupied territories.

Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin said that if any side tried to go beyond the Camp David agreement on autonomy the negotiations would be deadlocked.

The Israelis were jolted last week by reports that Carter had compared the Palestinian cause to the black civil rights movement in the United States.

Italians invent Qibla compass

ROME, Aug. 5 (SPA) — Two Italian engineers have devised a compass which indicates the Qibla (the direction to which all Muslims throughout the world must turn when praying) from any spot in the world.

The inventors have inscribed the compass with the Arabic names of 140 capital cities.

A Dutch businessman bought the patent for marketing the compass in the Arab world and has already shipped one million units.

The compasses are made of plastic and will cost only a few dollars.

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Naif pledges ministry will help genuine marriages to foreigners

JEDDAH, Aug. 5 — Prince Naif says that his Interior Ministry will help Saudi women who want to marry foreign men, as well as Saudi men who want to marry foreign women.

But such marriages should be formal, and the non-Saudi bride or groom should be known. Information certifying his or her conduct as respectable should be provided.

He said that it had been noticed that non-Saudis tend to marry Saudi girls not out of love but in hopes of material advantage. There are problems, too, with marriages that mix nationalities, as they frequently lead to separation even if the couple have children, and often end up in the courts.

Some people ask high bride-

prices for their daughters in imitation of others rather than because they need the money. Prince Naif says it is a difficulty that can only be solved by the girls and their families themselves.

Education

JEDDAH, Aug. 5 — Two thousand, five hundred and ninety-seven Saudi girls will be appointed to educational and technical posts in the government service in the next few days.

Osman Ibrahim, deputy president of the Public Personnel Bureau, told *Al-Jazirah* Sunday that 2,441 of the women are graduates from teacher training institutes, 126 from girls' schools, 24 from the Higher Institute for Public Administration and six from schools of nursing.



Prince Naif

He also said that the employment bureau in the central region will finalize its procedures for placing graduates of Imam Muhammad ibn Saudi Islamic University and Riyadh University next week.

Charity gets SR15m in land from Sattam

Riyadh, Aug. 5 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam has given a piece of land north west of Khuras Road in Riyadh, worth SR15 million to the Islamic Charitable Society.

One of the objectives of the Society is setting up of charitable hospitals in the Kingdom.

Riyadh Philanthropic Society has also received further donations of over SR755,000. Among

the donors were Muhammad Al Ali Al-Sayar and Bros., giving SR600,000, and Adil Abdul Rahman Algosaibi giving SR20,000.

SR20,000 came from Al Hima Contracting Establishment, SR15,000 from Sheikh Dakhil Allah Saad Al-Saeed, SR15,000 from Sheikh Ibrahim Muhammad Al-Humaidi, SR10,000 from Abdul Aziz Bin Nassar Stores, SR10,000 from Omar ibn Sadiq Stores, SR10,000 Abdul Mohsen Abdul Mohsen Al-Suwilim, SR5,000 from Rida Stores, SR5,000 from Sheikh Saleh Al-Ujaian, SR3,000 from Abdullah and Abdul Aziz Ghadi Stores, SR3,000 from Muhammad Abdulla Al-Bakr, SR2,975 from Hussain Muhammad Binonah, SR2,000 anonymously, SR1,000 from Soliman Al-Shibaili, SR1,000 from Rashed Huwaimel, SR1,000 from Ibrahim Al-Saalek, SR1,000 from Salem Muhammad Bamugabil, SR1,000 from Al-Taj Stores, and SR500 and SR250 anonymously.

Lebanon

BEIRUT, Aug. 5 (SPA) — Ambassador Sheikh Ali Al-Shaer Saturday met former Premier Rashed Karami and other persons in a visit to Tripoli.

Shaer gave 1.5 million Lebanese Pounds to officials from charitable and Islamic organizations in Tripoli on behalf of the Saudi government.

They thanked the King and wished good health to him and continued progress and prosperity to the Saudi people.

Operation and maintenance

Taipower head here for Baha deal

JEDDAH, Aug. 5 — Chen Lan-kao, chairman of the Taiwan Power Company, has arrived here to sign a contract with the General Electricity Organization under which Taipower is to operate and maintain the Baha rural electrification scheme it is building.

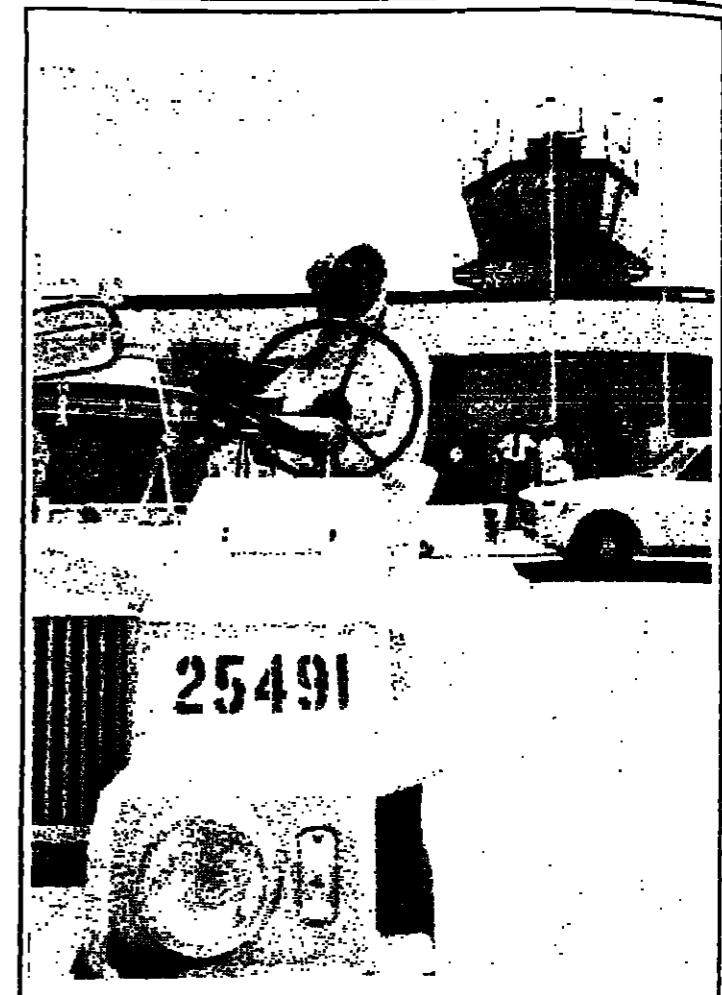
The contract was agreed upon during GEO governor Mahmoud Taybah's visit to Taipei last month. It covers a period of two years, and 240 Taipower experts and technicians are expected to take part in the project.

The scheme including a

160,000-kw power plant and its distribution and transmission systems will be in operation here by the end of the year. Two generating units with a capacity of 10,000 kw are ready for operation.

The China News Agency has reported that the operation and maintenance contract was originally intended to be awarded by tender, but although Taipower was the highest bidder it was thought the most qualified to be given the contract.

The deal is due to be signed



BAGGAGE: A Saudi man drives a cart loaded high with passengers' luggage from an incoming plane.

First-timers

Schools register Sept. 1

JEDDAH, Aug. 15 — Registration starts Sept. 1 for those beginning all levels of schooling.

As education is not compulsory in Saudi Arabia, it is sometimes

found that children who have missed some years' school will join later than the usual age for starting education.

Dr. Hamid Ibrahim Al-Saloum, the director-general of education in Riyadh, said that cramming centers for intermediary-level children not up to standard were being prepared in various areas.

Saloum also said that education officials are studying the results of this summer's school exams. They will report on their findings.

Scholarships

RIYADH, Aug. 5 (SPA) — Eighteen Saudis are to be sent to universities abroad at government expenses to read for higher degrees in specializations not handled at universities in the Kingdom. Forty-three undergraduates are also to go overseas for their first degrees.

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Congress tangled in debate over military money, SALT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — The Senate's consideration of SALT II has resulted in a battle over increasing the military budget, with President Jimmy Carter being asked to pay a high price for the votes needed to ratify the pact.

At the same time, critics of the treaty and some of its allies as well have proposed at least 26 amendments, some of which would be certain to cause the Soviet Union either to reject the revised pact or renege on negotiations.

The arms limitation treaty now has undergone a month of public and private hearings before three Senate committees. Its supporters say it has withstood a withering attack and no fatal flaw has

emerged.

They say it will be in good shape when it reaches the Senate floor in early October.

"We believe the treaty will stand up to bombardments on the floor," one supporter says. "It

has seen the worst of the opposition, and the volley has fallen short."

California Senator Alan Cranston, a Democrat, says the opposition has been effectively defused, that any crippling amendment will be defeated, and that trends indicate the treaty will be ratified by more than the necessary 67 votes.

Utah Republican Jake Garn, a leader of the opposition, calls that "rhetorical baloney" designed to stampede undecided senators.

Japan's 17 on death row no cause for controversy

TOKYO, Aug. 5 (AP) — The 17 men on death row in Japan are in a purgatory of waiting, not knowing when a two-year lull in executions will end and they will be taken to the gallows.

It takes only the press of a stamp by the justice minister to send condemned men to their deaths, but for a variety of reasons — increased petitions for retrials, the international human rights movement, and the personalities of the last two ministers — no executions have taken place since 1977.

Those opposed to the death penalty hope that the long break will make it difficult for the government to resume executions. Justice Ministry officials, with an almost mystic secretiveness concerning death sentences, will say only that they will be carried out at the proper time and discretion of the minister.

Under Japanese law, once appeals are exhausted the convicted must be sent to the gallows within five days after the minister affixes his stamp. The ministry refuses to announce the dates of executions and many go almost unnoticed except by family members called to pick up the remains.

While Japanese read with morbid fascination details of the controversy in the United States, few are aware that their own nation has conducted 565 executions since the end of World War II.

"When Senate floor debate on the treaty begins, the focus will swing back to the specific provisions of the treaty, and the need for amendments or binding reservations to correct glaring flaws will be obvious," Garn said.

Other fierce opponents hope to postpone a final vote for a year to prevent ratification.

But for the moment treaty supporters are worried about squeeze from Senate hawks and doves that are placing Carter under extreme and conflicting pressures to increase or hold the line in military spending levels.

The White House says the president is willing to discuss any proposals for more spending but that there will be "no trading for votes."

The month-long congressional recess that began Friday has presented both sides with an opportunity to regroup and get strategy and game plans in working order.

The president is committed to a 3 per cent defense spending increase over the rate of inflation to help meet the threat of increased Soviet momentum in nuclear and conventional weapons.

Democrat Sam Nunn of Georgia is demanding much than that.

The demand by these senators for increases in the range of 5 per cent is supported by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger who fear that the Soviet Union is close to achieving nuclear superiority.

Kissinger wants a substantially increased five-year development plan to shore up U.S. defenses by deploying the MX and Trident missiles, developing air defense against the Soviet backfire bomber.

Nunn and two other treaty critics in the Senate, Democrat Henry Jackson of Washington and Republican John Tower of Texas, asked the president in a letter to spell out exactly what he is willing to spend on defense.

Their demands touched a sensitive nerve among Senate liberals, many of whom are long standing advocates of arms reduction.

Several threatened to vote against SALT II if it becomes a vehicle for greater military spending.

Others want guarantees that negotiations for SALT III will promptly achieve deep cuts in the arsenals of the two superpowers.



(AP photo)
OUT OF AMERICA'S HEARTLAND: Kansas Sen. Robert Dole, center, who was among 7 Republican presidential hopefuls at an Illinois forum, is shown formally announcing his candidacy in May.

Connally a crowd-pleaser GOP candidates court Illinois

ROSEMONT, Illinois, Aug. 5 (AP) — There were enough presidential hopefuls for a parade Saturday as seven contenders for the Republican Party nomination tested their strength in the key state of Illinois.

The seven spoke, one after another, at a forum in an airport motel in this Chicago suburb, aware that Illinois will send the third largest delegation at 103 members to the Republican convention next year.

"This is an important state, as everybody knows," said Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, the Republican vice presidential candidate in 1976.

The other candidates were former Texas Governor John Connally, Illinois Representatives Philip Crane and John Anderson, former CIA Director George Bush, longtime hopeful Harold Stassen of Minnesota and Los Angeles businessman Ben Fernandez.

The speakers' list was shortened Saturday morning when Senate

Minority Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee, an all-but-announced candidate who had been listed as a possible speaker, sent a telegram saying the press of Senate business would keep him away.

Another leading contender, former California Governor Ronald Reagan sent a telegram citing a previous commitment. He had not been expected to attend.

The seven, in general sounded traditional Republic themes as they came sniffing political blood with the president's opinion polls plummeting.

Connally seemed to be the biggest crowd-pleaser, several times drawing applause.

Straightening a tie becomes a caress

The chilling intimacy of 96 days in space

MOSCOW, Aug. 5 (AP) — Cooped up with another man in space for 96 straight days, Russian cosmonaut Georgy Grechko weighed every word before he spoke, aware that "when in space, everything becomes more acute."

In a rare interview, the two-time holder of a space-endurance record shared the special art he had worked out for living with another man in close quarters.

By the end of his longest flight early last year, Grechko and his partner Yuri Romanenko had become so intimate that they found themselves finishing each other's sentences, straightening each other's neckties.

"We tried to help each other in the flight," Grechko said, "to take care of each other. Our friendship remains. If earlier we shook hands when we met, now we embrace."

One of the biggest challenges of manned space flight is not its technical demands but the ability to live in close quarters. The men worked to eliminate traces of

dominance, competition, even individuality.

"Now," said Grechko, a gentle and humorous man of 47, "it seems to me that we could fly together as long as necessary."

Two Soviet cosmonauts now in orbit, Valery Ryumin and Vladimir Lyakhov, have gone well past Grechko's three-month record and have now been in orbit for more than five months.

When Grechko and Romanenko were launched aboard Soyuz 26 on Dec. 10, 1977, Grechko was already an experienced cosmonaut 13 years older than his partner. But Romanenko, as pilot, was given command.

"This could have been a source of conflict. He could have tried to lead in our mutual work, and I could have tried to lead in our mutual work ... but we decided to share everything," Grechko said. "We knew that no person can know everything better than another one."

"These may sound like very simple things, but it happens very often that in life complicated things are resolved very simply."

The men were constantly aware of their words.

"When I am going to say something," Grechko said, "I first look to see what state he is in. Perhaps he is deep in thought, busy with

One in 24 hours U.S. 7th Fleet sees drop in refugee ships

ABOARD USS PARSONS, South China Sea Aug. 5 (R) — The number of Vietnamese boat refugees trying to leave the country appears to have dropped drastically with only one boat discovered by a five-ship U.S. 7th Fleet force in the past 24 hours, Rear Adm. Ernest Tissot said Saturday.

He said aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Kitty Hawk*, that only one boat out of more than 130 contacts on Saturday proved to be carrying refugees despite allegations by Hanoi, which has promised to halt the flow temporarily, that the presence of the 7th Fleet ships was encouraging people to leave.

"I think it is obvious that the number has been reduced considerably," Tissot said.

The 21 people rescued Friday were taken aboard the Parsons, a guided missile destroyer, where they said they were at sea for nine days and robbed of their valuables by pirates they believed to be Thais.

Tran Van Nghia, the 36-year-old leader of the group, said they left the southwestern Vietnamese port of Rachgiao near the Cambodian border on July 24 and headed for Singapore or Malaysia.

He said the 21-foot fishing vessel on which they were trying to cross 200 miles of choppy seas ran into a heavy storm after three days and was forced to turn toward the Philippines, guided by a map of Asia torn out of a school textbook. He said he was tied hand and foot and placed in a U.S. Army ammunition container measuring six feet by eight feet until he was promised to raise money to pay the North Vietnamese police holding him.

The pirate attack came three days before they were picked up. Nghia said the seven pirates fired shots from an M-2 carbine as they approached the tiny boat, and when they boarded it, the refugees quickly gave up their jewelry as well as most of their food.

When rescued, the refugees had only about five pounds of rice and one pot for the group, which included nine small children, three of them less than one year old.

Nghia said his group included four families and four unattached friends, one of them a 14-year-old Christian boy from Bienhoa, northeast of Ho Chi Minh City, who had travelled to Rachgiao to try to flee the country. The boy, Tran Hoang Huy, said his parents had sent him to escape because they were sure he would be inducted into work brigades like other boys his age.

He was the only one of the refugees wearing any jewelry. He wore a gold-plated cross around his neck given to him by a missionary who saw him make the sign of the cross before a meal.

The refugees said they left Vietnam because of the difficulty of getting work, the worry about possible recruitment into the army to fight the Chinese or the Cambodians and the lack of freedom.

Nghia, a former mechanic in the South Vietnamese Army, said he had tried to leave the country once before, in May, but had been caught by Vietnamese Navy patrols. He said he was tied hand and foot and placed in a U.S. Army ammunition container measuring six feet by eight feet until he was promised to raise money to pay the North Vietnamese police holding him.

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RefugeeA NL record**Wild Niekro aids Astros**

NEW YORK, Aug. 5, (AP) — The Houston Astros took advantage of a National League record four wild pitches by Atlanta knuckleballer Phil Niekro in the fifth inning Saturday night to a 6-2 victory over the Braves for a doubleheader sweep.

Niekro, with his knuckleridging and swerving, also was charged with wild pitches in the sixth and eighth innings. He tied the major league single-game record set April 10 by the Astros' J.R. Richard in a 2-1 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

An infield single by pinch-hitter Denny Zalling scored Cabell from third base and give the Astros a 4-3 victory in the opener.

Niekro, 14-14, also walked three but managed 11 strikeouts.

Elsewhere in the NL, Dave Kingman belted a three-run homer, tying his career high of 37 for one season, and added a sacrifice fly to power the Chicago Cubs to an 8-6 victory Saturday over the St. Louis Cardinals.



J.R. Richard

Lou Orock had three singles for St. Louis, leaving him nine short of becoming the 14th Major League player to get 3,000 hits.

Meanwhile, John Candelaria and Kent Tekulve combined on a five-hitter and Ed Ott drove in two runs to pace the Pittsburgh

Pirates to a 4-0 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

In the American League, Carlton Fisk and Carl Yastrzemski belted three-run homers and the Red Sox held on to defeat the Milwaukee Brewers 8-6.

AL batting leader Brian Downing drove in two runs with two singles and Carney Lansford drilled a two-run homer to pace the California Angels to a 7-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Toby Harrah belted a grand slam home run and Dan Spillner pitched 32-3 innings of scoreless relief as the Cleveland Indians outlasted the Texas Rangers 12-8.

Rookie Mike Chris held Kansas City hitless for the first six innings and Lou Whitaker broke with a pair of hits to lead the Detroit Tigers to a 5-2 victory over the Royals.

In night action, AL Bumby's two-run double and Billy Smith's tie-breaking single highlighted a five-run, seven-hit eighth inning to carry Baltimore past the New York Yankees 5-4 and give the Orioles their sixth consecutive triumph.

Solo home runs by Tony Armas, Dave Revering and Wayne Murphy boosted the Oakland A's to a 5-3 victory over Seattle and gave 19-year-old Morgan his second Major League victory in a week.

Both of Morgan's career triumphs have come at the Marin's expense.

Rick Bosetti's two-run single in the eighth inning snapped a tie and sent the Toronto Blue Jays to a 5-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

England 261 ahead in Test

LONDON, Aug. 5 (R) — Solid batting carried England to a lead of 261 with three wickets in hand by the end of the third day of the Test match against India at Lord's.

The main exception to run-off-the-mill batting was David Gower, who took the initiative at the start and unleashed a stream of brilliant strokes which took him to 82 before he failed to cover up properly and lost his off stump to seam bowler Karson Ghavri to end the tussle of two left-handers.

With Derek Randall he had put on 114 for the fourth wicket. Gower hit two sixes and 10 fours. Randall then opened up until run out — the bitter bit — in a misunderstanding with his new partner Ian Botham. Randall's 57 was spread over almost four hours and included eight fours.

The Indians then lost momentum, especially in a slow partnership of 66 by Derbyshire pair, Geoff Miller and Bob Taylor, which occupied the final 75 minutes while the crowd audibly felt that England should be hitting out.

India's Kapil Dev again struck impressively and has so far taken three for 73 in 34 overs.

Russians dominate**Foreigners' poor showing**

MOSCOW, Aug. 5 (AP) — Foreign Athletes won only 116 of the 724 medals awarded at the two-week Soviet National Sports Championships that ended Sunday.

But the 2,000 foreigners from 86 countries who competed in the Spartakiad games with 10,000 Soviet athletes provided many highlights of the Olympic test competition.

Ethiopian Miruts Ifter's amazing double in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters, Australian Michele Ford's three golds in women's swimming, British Robert Nightingale's upset triumph in the modern Pentathlon and Don Coleman's two come-from-behind anchor sprints to save the relays for the United

States were some of the outstanding performances.

The Soviet organizers singled out foreign successes in track and field, rowing and canoeing, swimming and judo in a press conference Sunday looking ahead to the Moscow Olympics opening in 349 days.

Japan's Yoko Moriwaki beat a Soviet for the gold medal in the 60-kilo judo category Saturday night for the last foreign triumph at Spartakiad. His teammate Seizo Fujii won the 78-kilo title earlier in the week and Soviets took the six other titles.

Two crews from Romania and two from Norway grabbed golds in the Spartakiad rowing and canoeing events.

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LUIS OCANA: Spanish-born former cycling champion, Luis Ocana, with his wife in hospital near Bordeaux, south west France. Ocana was injured in a car wreck in the Alps during the Tour de France cycle race which he covered as a radio reporter.

Veteran Martina and teen Tracy**Top seeds devastate semifinals**

SAN DIEGO, California Aug. 5 (AP) — Martina Navratilova or

third-seeded Virginia Wade in Sunday's championship match at the San Diego Sports Arena. Navratilova faced Wade in the other singles semifinal later Saturday.

second, will play either top-seeded Martina Navratilova or third-seeded Virginia Wade in Sunday's championship match at the San Diego Sports Arena. Navratilova faced Wade in the other singles semifinal later Saturday.

John Lloyd, Chris Evert's Brit-

ish husband, scored a major upset Saturday by defeating Vitas Gerulaitis to gain the final against John McEnroe in the \$75,000 Grand Prix open at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club.

The drive found the rain-drenched fairway, but he missed his second shot to the left of the green and made bogey, well after the national television cameras had ended their coverage for the day.

"I went running (to the 18th tee) and didn't even have time to take a practice swing. I just put after the peg in the ground and went after it," he said.

The drive found the rain-drenched fairway, but he missed his second shot to the left of the green and made bogey, well after the national television cameras had ended their coverage for the day.

"I'm pretty sure I'm gonna win," said the uninhibited Cald-

"This great. It's a golf tourna-

ment, a major, the PGA. It's just

everything wrapped up in one."

"I'm hitting it good. The swing

is in the slot. I never struck a nerve

out there. It's amazing the way I

I wasn't nervous."

Caldwell, now in his fifth year of

tour activity, never before had led

through three rounds. He had this

one with a 203 total, 7 under par

on the historic Oakland Hills

Country Club Course.

His lead, at times, went as high

as four strokes.

But that was before the violent thunderstorm swept the hillsides with torrential rains, high winds, thunder and lightning.

As 34,000 pounded for cover,

the press tent was ordered evacu-

ated, players sought shelter and a

television blimp, which handled

replays from announcers on the

course, was ripped off its mooring

by the winds and later was found

in someone's back yard.



David Graham

And it was before Caldwell's closing bogey — his first in 28 holes — and a birdie by Ben Crenshaw, again after television coverage was completed.

Crenshaw, the dynamic man the other pros call "Gentle Ben," muscled and emoted his way to a 69 that left him alone in second at 207.

Outstanding Graham

It was another two shots back to Tom Watson, the outstanding player of the season, Australian David Graham and Jerry Pate, tied at 207. Watson, a four-time winner the past month, shot a 69. Pate, a former U.S. open champion who seems to play best in the major championships, also had a 69. The slender Graham matched par 70.

"If I feel my chances are good," said Watson, "if I can play a good round tomorrow, I've got a chance to win the golf tournament. If I can get out of the box fast tomorrow, I have a chance to put some pressure on the leaders and maybe win the golf tournament."

Ron Streck was next at 69-208, five strokes back.

At 209 and the only others under par were Gene Littler, Gibby Gilbert and Bruce Lietzke. Littler, who won the U.S. Open here in 1961, closed up with a 67. Gilbert shot a 68 and Lietzke had a 71.

While the leaders were fighting the elements, their own tempers and the subtle demands of the course with varying degrees of success, a different, unapprised drama was being played out well in front of them.

Scowling Nicklaus

It was there that Jack Nicklaus, generally acclaimed as the greatest player of all time, was thrashing his way out of title contention.

He struggled, scowling and grimacing, to a 78 that put him at 223, ahead of only one man in the tournament and with no chance of winning.

"It kills me to play like that," said Nicklaus, holder of a record 15 major professional titles.

He indicated this would be his last tournament of the year. And it's a year in which he failed to win for the first time since he turned pro in 1962.

"It's the worst year I've ever had, even as a boy," he said, and though back to 1957, "but I did win the national Jaycees that year."

"I'll play in the four majors next year and in the memorial. I don't know what else."

"There will come a day — when I'm no longer excited about playing golf. There'll be a day when I won't be excited about a 4-foot putt on the 72nd hole to win one of the majors. But that day is a long way off yet."

Marvelous

While Nicklaus was fighting his way through, that 67-year-old marvel Sam Snead continued to trudge up the leg-straining hills in an effective manner, thrilling his thousands of supporters. For the third day in a row, Ol' Sam birdied the 18th hole, finishing off a 71 that left him at 15.

Lee Trevino had a 72-215. Gary Player, the South African who won the PGA the last time it was played here, was 70-213. Defending champion John Mahaffey was 71-217 and Masters King Fuzzy Zoeller 75-220.

Youngest, oftenest, quickest**Channel records sink under assault**

DOVER, England, Aug. 5 (R)

Swimmers who set off Friday from a beach near Dover.

A 12-year-old South African, Kevin Anderson, became the youngest swimmer to make the crossing, and 51-year-old Australian Des Renfrew crossed for a record 14th time.

Canadian Cynthia Nicholas, 21, swam it twice, completing the journey in 19 hours 12 minutes, clipping 43 minutes off her own women's record for the two-way

Because of the currents, most swimmers have to cover 30 to 35

miles on the crossing, through busy shipping lanes.

British Marcus Hooper was

later making an early challenge on the record of Kevin Anderson.

Marcus, aged 12 years and three weeks, was heading for France and could take 14 hours over a successful trip.

One of the unlucky swimmers

was American John Erikson, who

was attempting a three-way swim.

He gave up immediately after

making the first crossing in nine hours, three minutes.

The channel is regarded by

swimmers as one of the great chal-

lenges and about 50 people a year

attempt to cross it.

But the first authenticated

Channel crossing was by an

Englishman, Captain Matthew

Webb, who astonished Europe in

1975 by striking out in a steady

breaststroke and reaching France

21 hours and 45 minutes later.

Wall made it 2-0 at 13:40 with an unassisted goal.

Back in England, First Division

Middlesbrough beat the visiting

Chinese team 2-0 at home Satur-

day.

A crowd of 8,605 saw goal-

keeper Li Fusheng perform like an

acrobat to keep the score down.

Middlesbrough were always in

control but the only goal they

scored before halftime was a pen-

alty slotted home by David Arn-

strong.

Later Billy Ashcroft extended

the lead with a header. The Chine-

se team was well organized in

defence and showed flashes of

attacking skill, but the finishing

was weak.

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THE SAHARA WAR

In North Africa, the Sahara problem is once again on the agenda. A new phase threatens a conflict involving more than the present major adversaries, Algeria and Morocco. Numerous "concerned" powers wait in the wings, on the North African, Arab and international levels.

The problem is fast reaching a decisive stage. There is to be either an outright war, with the victor getting everything regardless of the complexity of the issue, or the start of a search for a peaceful solution, a formula in which the various claims can find a measure of accommodation. This latter possibility can be the outcome of either an agreement among the parties directly concerned, or as a result of an international pressure in which the Soviet Union and the United States participate. It is likely that the superpowers are reluctant to see their global interests threatened by this "petty local conflict."

Mauritania's decision to abandon all claim to the area and terminate its involvement in the war there has faced the rest of the participants with a radically changed situation, one which will alter the system of "checks and balances" governing the area since 1975. Mauritania's inability to live up to its commitment showed from very early on in the conflict. It had to call on Moroccan and French troops to help meet the Polisario challenge, as well as on aid from various quarters. Its position in military, political & economic terms is so different from Morocco that its nerve shattered almost immediately it came under Polisario attack. Thus Wuld el Saik toppled Wuld Dada, only himself to be toppled, with the newest regime declaring, in the words of its Prime Minister Maj. Wuld Hassan, that "Our people rejects all these sacrifices for a piece of the Sahara it never claimed."

This has favored Algeria, whose leaders have known that Morocco's only weak spot in the confrontation was its reluctant ally, who therefore have been concentrating all the pressure they can bring to bear upon it. To their success in this, gained by a combination of threats and inducements, the resolution of the African summit in Monrovia was a most welcome addition.

It is possible that King Hassan might transform his "righteous war" into a jihad or a holy war, involving not merely the defense of a piece of territory but "the defense of Islam." There was a hint of this when he took over from the speaker in the Friday prayer meeting, warning that "We would betray ourselves as well as Islam if we leave the field open to heretics and those who have no respect for the Prophet's teaching and example."

Yet however dangerous the tension now is, it is the hope of all Muslims and Arabs that a peaceful solution is found, so that, for whatever reason, no Muslim weapon is raised against a brother Muslim. If it is the case that Morocco succeeded in liberating the Sahara from colonialism in 1975, at a time when Algeria recognized Moroccan sovereignty there, then this is no longer the real point, so long as we recognize that peaceful solution has to be found, based on the good will of all the parties, and recognizing as our aim the mutual interests of all. Unless, that is, we talk of *brotherhood and mean enmity*, call for unity and work towards fragmentation, plan for cooperation to veil division.

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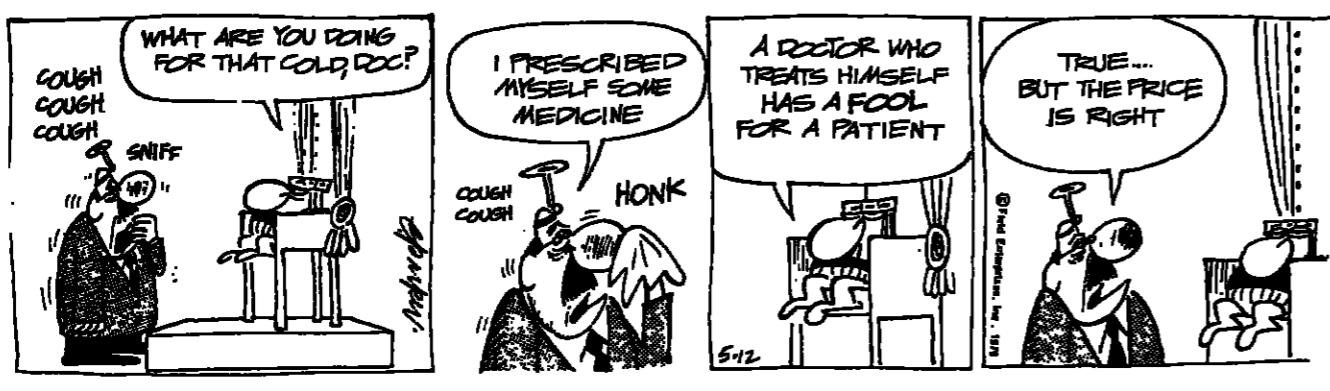
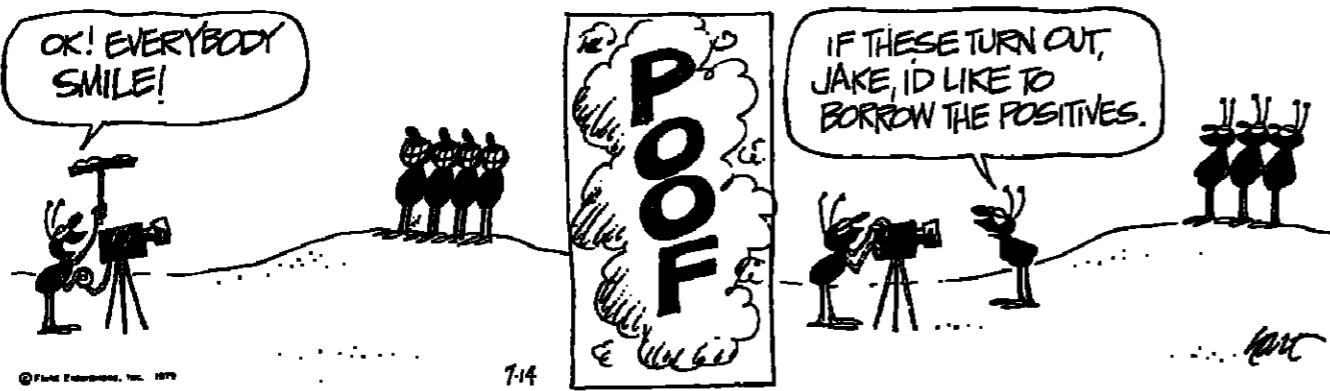
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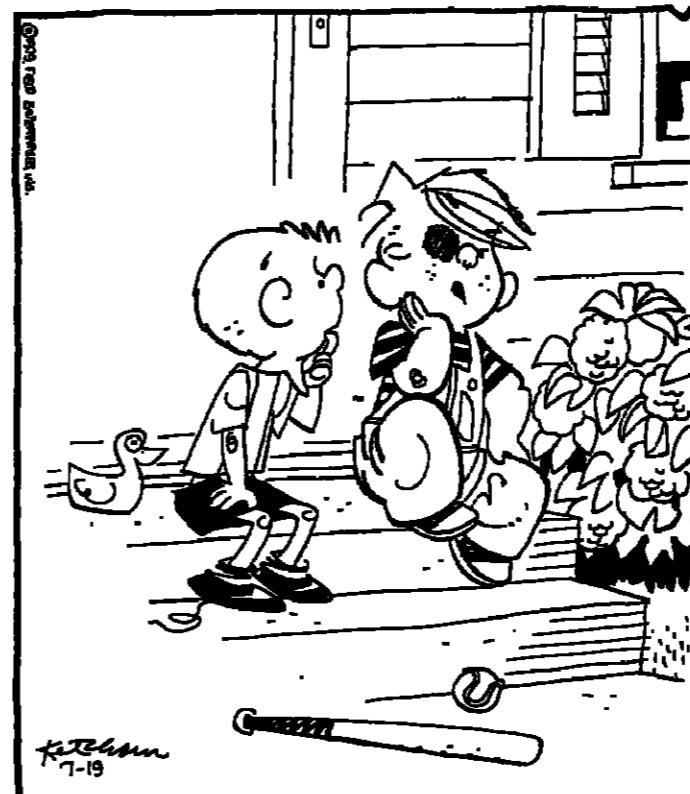
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11 Bittersweet

13 Girl's name

14 Proffer

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16 Sickly

looking

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20 Flehy thing

21 Trivit in

22 Robert -

Warren

23 Yearned

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27 Healthy

28 Journey

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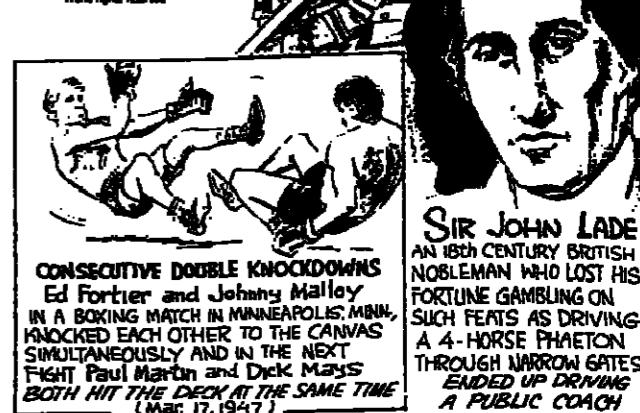
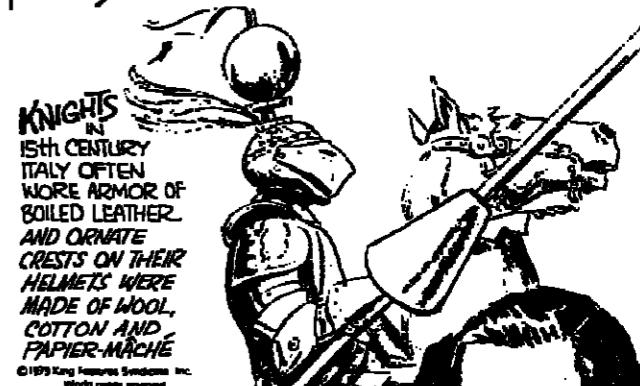
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? ♦ 8 7 6 4 3

? ♦ 8 4

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? ♦ A Q J 9 6

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What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Oct. 22) You have some good chances to properly master. Much talk with others, though, could leave you uncertain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your thoughts are in a state of flux. Postpone important decisions till another time. Don't let indecision make you cranky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) An innovative financial plan should be kept under wraps. Otherwise, you run the risk of confrontation with others of differing viewpoints.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Not everyone appreciates your genius now. Good career thoughts do not automatically entitle you to homage from others. Downplay ego.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Your need for peace and quiet could be upset by others who may find you a bit too guarded in your feelings now. Avoid friction.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 to June 20) Varying your routine will do much to alleviate worry about job or peace. Don't let fear of costs keep you from getting needed medical attention.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) Follow that impulse to do something new for fun. Make

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KANGAROO PUNCH: When a young and intrepid photographer met up with a sprightly Kangaroo he ended up with more than he bargained for... a bruised jaw and a severely wounded pride. The unnamed Kangaroo (someone said he was called 'Whacker') boxes in a novelty act in Northamptonshire, England. But on this occasion the Queensbury rules were thrown out of the window as the marsupial from down under swung into action with a right uppercut that would have done justice to the former World Heavyweight Muhammad Ali. The unsuspecting cameraman landed up on his backside, and his expensive Hasselblad camera flying through the air. Fortunately, the camera was unharmed.



MISS PEARS : Four-year-old Christina Cashman tried on her crown after winning the 22nd Miss Pears contest run by the soap firm. And nobody was more surprised at her success than her mother... for Christina could not stand soap being used on her skin until recently. Mrs Hanna Cashman, of South Croydon, Surrey, said Christina used to have an allergy. But the judges thought that Christina had the best complexion of all six finalists and awarded her the title and £1,000 first prize.



UP SHE GOES : Just at the moment when your stomach has been rammed down to your feet and your feet have been rammed up to your crash helmet, you see the cliffs.

You're going at them at 70 miles an hour, and just a few hundred yards of surging, silver-grey water separate you and them. UP SHE GOES ! Apache takes momentary leave of the cruel sea.



BITTEN BY THE SNAKE BUG : Bill Haast has been bitten over 126 times by some of the most deadliest snakes in the world... but he has survived them all. The amazing Bill runs the Serpentarium in Miami, Florida, USA. Bill gets to grips with one of the most poisonous snakes, the Cobra as he milks the venom which will be used for medical use throughout the globe. The man certainly has a charmed life !

STRAWBERRY MEALS FOREVER : Henry tucks contentedly into his favorite dish... strawberries. It had looked as though the good life for the tortoise with the expensive tastes was over when his owner died. But no one had reckoned on the gratitude of 85-year-old Stella Hillier for his years of companionship. The kindly spinster of Worthing, West Sussex, left £100 to an animal rescue center... on condition it keeps 70-year-old Henry in the style to which he is accustomed. This means the odd bowl of strawberries and tomatoes all year round.



Britain's premier international agricultural show at Stoneleigh, the midlands



THE LINCOLNS : These attractive sheep are collected top breed rams in the sheep section. Lincolns are good lamb and wool producers able to withstand extremely cold environments and many are exported to Russia.

DORSET DOWNS : Wearing suitably superior expressions, this Dorset Down rose to new heights of success to win the Supreme Championship in the sheep section. Dorset Downs are a popular British breed which has proved itself over the years in practically every climatic condition. Apart from their hardy qualities, they excel in early maturing lamb production. Dorset Down rams can be used for cross-breeding with any breed of ewe and are recognized for their easy lambing characteristics.



SUSSEX BULL : Well groomed and exhibiting all the marks of a quality Sussex bull, two-year-old Hope House Regent III was breed champion at the Royal Show. The Sussex breed has considerable heat resistant qualities and a number of animals have been exported to Zambia. Sussex stock is easily managed and provides high beef production levels.

Britain's economy seen falling into decline after oil dries up

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AP) — Britain faces a "very real prospect" of a fall in living standards when North Sea oil output levels off, economist Paul Nield said Monday.

He said that to convince the nation of the problems ahead the government may publish confidential forecasts from its own experts showing that the British economic outlook for the 1980s is "appalling."

Nield works for the stockbroking firm of Phillips and Drew,

which specializes in economic forecasting.

He said that by 1983, unless the recently elected Conservative government can bring about changes, Britain could see its economic growth slowing almost to a standstill with 2.2 million unemployed a worsening trading position, a weak currency and inflation running at double-digit rates.

"Such is the state of the underlying decay of the British economic

structure that there is a very real prospect of a complete decline in living standards once the North Sea barrel levels off, which is currently expected to occur in the mid-1980s," Nield reported.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has described the immediate British economic prospect as "almost frighteningly bad." In his first attack on the problem, Howe says he will cut the public spending policies of his Labor predecessor Denis Healey by \$4 billion.

Despite 'hot summer'

Italian industrial unrest seen lessening

MILAN, Aug. 5 (OFNS) — Italy is enduring a "hot summer" of industrial unrest. Workers have been piling strike action on public demonstration in an effort to enforce claims for increases in wages and fringe benefits, longer holidays and a shorter work week.

The agitation has spread from private industry to public undertakings like the railways, air services, electric power and State-owned ferries.

Foreign tourists could be forgi-

Sudanese raise gasoline prices by 66 per cent

KHARTOUM, Aug. 5 (R) — Sudan has increased retail gasoline prices by 66.6 per cent.

Minister of Energy Sharief Althami Saturday said the increase was "imposed on us by conditions of the world oil markets".

The increase coincided with a statement made Saturday by the Chevron Oil Company, a subsidiary of Standard Oil of California, that it had found oil in Western Sudan gushing out at the rate of 300 to 500 barrels a day.

The company's engineer, Charles Weinstock, told a press conference drilling would continue to determine the field's productivity.

The biggest improvement is in agriculture, with a drop of 24.7 million lost hours to about one million.

In industry, over the same four-year period, lost hours shrank by about two-thirds, to some 26.3 million. In the service sector, the total was halved to some 18.6 million.

One reason for the improvement is that employers have begun to take a tougher stand against trade union demands, often conceded almost automatically in the past.

This is confirmed by the length of negotiations in the latest industrial pay round. The delays have been as much due to employer obduracy as union intransigence.

For example, it took the best part of six months for two parties in the

metal and machinery industry to arrive at a new accord.

In 1969, the employers were making fat profits and knew that their workers were not receiving a fair share of the "economic miracle."

Today, the reverse is true. Employers no longer have excess profits; many have no profits at all.

Today Italy pays among the highest wages in Europe but its productivity is relatively low. In 1978, for example, productivity

rose by 3 per cent but hourly wages jumped by nearly 14 per cent.

Employers feel that they have become the exploited group, and in granting concessions are demanding a quid pro quo, such as a halt to strikes over trivial issues; to "political" work stoppages (as when workers walk out to demonstrate against the killing of a left-wing party member by rightist terrorists); to wildcat disputes; and to the notorious chronic record of absenteeism.

Over the past decade, the politicians have had to face up to far more serious challenges, not just from agitating workers but from political terrorists. Industrial unrest has become endemic. It is taken for granted.

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OAKLAND, California Aug. 5 (AP) — Supervisory personnel for World Airways, the United States' largest charter airline, plan to fly rescue missions for more than 1,000 Indochinese refugees next week despite a strike by 1,300 pilots, flight attendants, and mechanics, company officials said Saturday.

Officials of Teamsters Union Local 2707 went on strike Thursday, saying they would not allow union members to fly the airlifts if a settlement in their contract dispute is not reached.

"Our position is that (company president) Ed Daly has submitted a bill to the State Department for these humanitarian flights and expects to be paid," said Dan Porter, Teamsters business representative. "We have submitted our

bill to Daly, but he is willing to pay us only 75 per cent of it."

World Airways vice president Brian Cooke said supervisors and any employees prepared to disregard the strike will fly refugees from Malaysia to Travis Air Force Base in three airlifts this week.

A crew has already been selected for Monday's flight between California and Kuala Lumpur, he said.

"We are confident we can keep the flights going with whatever crews we can muster," Cooke said.

World is contracted to fly the rescue flights by the intergovernmental committee for European migration, a group sponsored by 33 countries. The U.S. State Department is funding the flights.

Initially the union agreed to continue handling flights chartered by the U.S. military — nearly a third of the airline's business — as required under the current contract. But Porter hinted Friday that some action may be taken against the military flights as well.

"We know what we're going to do in that area, but I'm not going to announce these plans in public," he said.

The union has demanded wage and benefit increases beyond the 7 per cent offered by the airline, arguing that World pays 30 per cent to 40 per cent less to employees at every level other carriers.

"That may be true if you look at Pan Am or the big scheduled carriers," Cooke said. "But we compare favorably with other charter companies."

The strike halted all other World charter operations in the U.S., Europe, and Asia, Cooke said. About 3,000 passengers a day scheduled to travel on World between Europe and the U.S. have been forced to alter their travel plans.

The Associated Press reported last month that the joint investigation by the Justice and Energy departments had turned up no evidence of deliberate hoarding or other actions by oil companies to create the shortage.

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Carter ordered the investigation in May when gasoline lines first hit California.

U.S. electronics firm, Tehran agency stuck on \$3b phone project

STAMFORD, Connecticut Aug. 5 (AP) — General Telephone and Electronics and an Iranian state agency are at a stand-off over the U.S. company's role in Iran's \$3 billion telephone expansion program.

GTE currently has a small group of representatives in Iran trying to resolve the costly disagreement with the Telecommunications Co. of Iran.

GTE won a restraining order from a Tehran court in mid-July which prevented GTE from getting any more money from a New York bank through an Iranian letter of credit. The Iranian agency objected to GTE drawing on the credit as the company continued to ship equipment after the Shah's government fell last winter.

GTE, which has been working under a \$500 million contract for the project since the summer of 1975, promptly stopped shipping equipment to its GTE Iran division, pending resolution of the impasse, said Edward Reardon, GTE international publicity director.

As of June 30, GTE had billed the Iranian agency for \$170 million and had a \$94 million balance remaining on a second Iranian letter of credit handled by manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. of New York City, he said.

"We still have a group of people in Iran who are talking with the customer and hoping to reach an agreement," Reardon said Friday.

GTE's part of the project largely involves the installation of switching equipment in a central building in Tehran.

Iran to break U.S. hold on wheat imports

TEHRAN, Aug. 5 (R) — Iranian Commerce Minister Reza Sadr has said that Iran had diversified its wheat imports to break the United States' monopoly, the country's official radio has reported.

Sadr said a wheat agreement had been signed with Turkey and another deal was under negotiation with Australia, the radio said Saturday.

He gave no figures for the wheat imports.

In last year imported wheat exclusively from the U.S., Sadr said.

"We shall try to buy wheat from various sources and thus break the U.S. monopoly," he added.

U.S. firms seen absolved of creating gas shortages

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP)

A report ordered last May by U.S. President Jimmy Carter has found no evidence of any deliberate actions by the oil companies to create the recent gasoline shortages in the United States, an administration official said Saturday.

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Those conclusions have not changed in the final draft, which was sent to the president last week, said the official, who asked not to be identified.

The report did suggest the oil companies may have been over-cautious in trying to make their supplies last longer.

"DOE has not found evidence of hoarding of oil by refiners, but some refiners have been conservative in their use of stocks," the report said. "This conservatism appears to be due in large part to their pessimistic view about future availability of oil imports."

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Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Health	Supply of fire alarms, smoke detectors and thermostats	523	100	Aug. 11
Municipality of Baha	Repairs to the vegetable and Meat markets	Free		Aug. 13
Directorate of Education, Medina	Construction of four rural schools (first instalment)	200		Aug. 12
" "	Construction of four rural schools (second instalment)	200		Aug. 12
King Abdul Aziz House	Maintenance of the fabric of the house	100		Sept. 5
Directorate of Education, Hail	Construction of an ordinary school	3-99/1400	100	Aug. 13
Municipality of Jeddah	Servicing of vehicles and machinery	12		Aug. 12
Municipality of Wejh	Supply of garbage bins (sample 1)			Sept. 8

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Tension mounts

China accuses Vietnamese of new border intrusions

PEKING, Aug. 5 (AP) — China accused Vietnam Sunday of "bombarding and intruding" into Chinese border areas and said that if it continues, Vietnam "will be held fully responsible for all the grave consequences."

In a formal protest note, China accused Vietnam of preparing for war against China and committing more than 30 armed border provocations between July 22 and July 31. The note from the Chinese Foreign Ministry to the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry said there were heavy losses in life and property in China.

In the latest accusation of Vietnamese aggression, China said: "The Chinese side hereby strongly protests against the crimes of

armed provocation committed by the Vietnamese authorities and sternly demands that the Vietnamese authorities stop at once their violations of Chinese territory."

"Otherwise," China warned, "The Vietnamese authorities will be held fully responsible for all the grave consequences arising therefrom."

The report on the protest note was carried by the official Xinhua (Hsinhua) news agency.

China also protested that Vietnam has been sending reinforcements to the border, building fortifications and trenches "so as to speed up their preparations for a war against China."

"Meanwhile, Vietnamese



DRAWS FIRE: British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher last week struck a conciliatory note on Rhodesia when she told Commonwealth leaders that the state's constitution should be amended to give the white minority there a smaller voice in how things are run. But now her remarks are drawing fire from members of her own Conservative Party.

Rhodesia stand blasted

Tories attack Thatcher speech

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AP) — Britain's first woman prime minister was "on a very slippery slope."

Amer, who led 116 Conservative legislators in a vote against renewal of sanctions against Rhodesia last November, said Mrs. Thatcher's initiative was "very doubtful diplomacy."

Mrs. Thatcher announced her plan at the Commonwealth summit in Lusaka, Zambia, two days ago, preventing a split with black African leaders who support black nationalist guerrillas opposed to the settlement between black moderates and Ian Smith's whites.

She made clear that her Conservative administration does not consider that last April's Rhodesian elections brought genuine black majority rule. She stressed Britain cannot recognize Bishop Abel Muzorewa's Salisbury government until there is majority rule acceptable to international opinion.

One paper's political correspondent, Ian Waller, wrote that the initiative is "seen — and not only by the right wing but by many Tory supporters of the internal settlement — as a capitulation to the demands of the African states and a triumph for the foreign office, headed by Lord Carrington, and seems certain to lead to heated controversy."

Amer charged that Mrs. Thatcher's move will make a

Idaho declares emergency as U.S. forest fires rage

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 5 (AP) — Idaho Gov. John Evans declared an emergency Saturday because of a forest fire that has burned more than 7,000 acres of central Idaho, allowing the U.S. Forest Service to press a unit of 20 National Guardsmen into action.

Other Western fires blackened wide swaths through tinder dry areas of Wyoming, Oregon and Montana.

The Idaho guardsmen used their trucks to help transfer firefighters into forest areas.

Pushed by winds up to 48 kilometers per hour and 36-degree temperatures, the stubborn blaze continued to burn Saturday night along the Salmon River.

Meanwhile, about five miles from the fire, smokejumpers pulled a survivor from the crash of a light plane after they were called to put out a small blaze touched off by the accident.

Five other persons were killed in the crash.

Officials said the major Idaho fire, about 45 miles west of Challis, was believed contained last week, but shifting winds caused it to surge out of control again even as mop-up crews were on the scene.

"It's very rugged terrain. It will be very difficult to fight," said Dale Defour, a Forest Service spokesman. "One firefighter told me it's the worse firefighting conditions he's ever seen."

Former Seychelles leader

Mancham linked to Pretoria scandal

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 5 (R) — Former Seychelles President James Mancham was reported by a Johannesburg newspaper to have admitted receiving financial backing from South Africa for his ruling Democratic Party before being toppled in a coup two years ago.

The Sunday Express said that Mancham told an interviewer his party received 12,000 rand (\$14,160) and a printing press in a deal arranged by disgraced former Information Secretary Eschel Rhodie.

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'Brutal' chief said out

Coup reported in Equatorial Guinea

PARIS, Aug. 5 (AP) — Reports circulated in Europe over the weekend that Francisco Macias Nguema, president of Equatorial Guinea and described by human rights groups as one of the world's most brutal dictators, has been ousted.

The French news agency *Agence France-Presse* reported that Macias Nguema had been arrested by the vice-minister of defense, Col. Theodore Nguema Menzogo.

The report was attributed to a radio broadcast from Equatorial Guinea monitored in neighboring Gabon.

The Madrid daily *El País* quoted refugees from Equatorial Guinea living in Cameroon as saying Macias Nguema was arrested Friday night in the village of his birth, Mongomo.

Macias Nguema, 57, was elected president of the former Spanish colony when it became

independent Oct. 12, 1968. In July 1972 he proclaimed himself president for life.

It was not known whether Nguema Menzogo had taken power. He is said to be 33, a graduate of the Spanish army school in Zaragoza where he enrolled in 1965.

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Smoke got in champion's eyes

FLINT, Michigan, Aug. 5 (AP) — A single match and an even draw gave the World's international pipe smoking cup to a Mount Clemens, Michigan, physics teacher Saturday, the contest judge said.

Paul Strong outpuffed 42 other contestants — including four

young International Association of Pipe Smokers Clubs, which is holding its convention here.

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Bolivia vote deadlock may postpone return to civil government

LA PAZ, Bolivia Aug. 5 (AP) — The Bolivian congress suspended its attempt to elect a president early Sunday morning after unsuccessful ballots, agreeing to reconvene at 11 a.m. to resume the presidential election process.

The decision came shortly before 3 a.m. after the four rounds of voting ended in a stalemate.

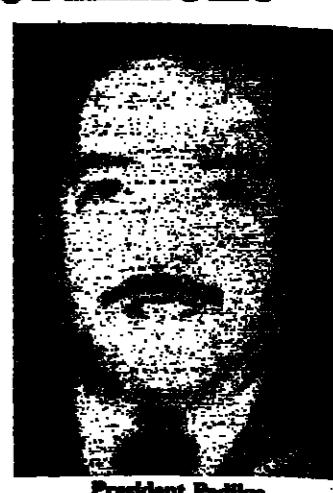
Former President Victor Paz Estenssoro won a plurality in each round, but did not get the majority required for election to succeed military president David Padilla.

In the final balloting, Paz got 68 votes, five short of a majority of the 144 ballots cast. Former President Heman Siles Zavazo won 46 votes; there were 5 invalid and 25 blank ballots.

The first vote narrowed the race to the two former presidents. The first ballot dropped Gen. Hugo Banzer, who got only 22 votes, from contention.

But even before the voting started, Siles began a hunger strike, protesting the anticipated election of Paz Estenssoro, 71-year-old leader of the centrist "National Revolutionary Movement."

Paz received the most votes in the national election July 1 that failed to give candidate the necessary majority for direct election. Banzer, a former dictator, finished in third place. But Siles' coalition won only 46 of the 144 seats in congress, which must choose the president. Paz Estenssoro controls 64 seats.



President Padilla

The House of Representatives broke a three-day deadlock Saturday and elected a leader, clearing the way for the joint session to choose a president.

Under Bolivia's new constitution, congress selects the winner from the three top contenders if none receives a majority plus one in the popular vote.

Bolivia has been under military rule for more than a decade. The current military government, headed by Gen. Padilla, seized power in a palace coup in November, 1978, and immediately set the date for elections and the return to democratic government.

New destination unknown Bahamas government expels Somoza

NASSAU, Bahamas, Aug. 5 (R) — The Bahamas has announced it had expelled former Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza.

Cyril Stevenson, head of the Bahamas Information Services, said Somoza was ordered to leave on Thursday after it was brought to the government's attention that he had overstayed his allotted time.

This was 14 days, the period from Latin American countries allowed to stay without a visa.

A government spokesman said Somoza, deposed by Sandinista guerrillas in a civil war last month, had applied for a visa at the



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